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NOTIFICATION

With a view to protect the distinct identity of the Sikkimese people and to examine the provisions of Article 371F of the Constitution to Safeguard the interest of the people of Sikkim, the State Government is hereby pleased to constitute All-Party Committee, consisting of the following members :-

Composition :-

1.	Shri Kunga Nima Lepcha, Hon'ble Minister, Education, Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Government of Sikkim	Chairperson
2.	Shri Sonam Lama, Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development, Cooperation and Ecclesiastical Department	Member
3.	Shri Bedu Singh Panth, Hon'ble Minister, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Commerce and Industries and Information and Public Relations and Printing Department	Member
4.	Shri Pawan Chamling, Hon'ble MLA	Member
5.	Shri D. T. Lepcha, Hon'ble MLA	Member
6.	Shri D. R. Thapa, Hon'ble MLA	Member
7.	Legal Remembrancer-cum-Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of Sikkim	Member Secretary

2. Terms of Reference:-

- (a) The Committee shall examine issues pertaining to Article 371F and provide recommendations to the State Government.

- (b) The Committee shall examine Article 371F in the context of recent amendment of clauses (iv) and (v) of sub-section 26AAA of section 10 of Income Tax Act, 1961 and expansion of definition of Sikkimese.
- (c) The Committee shall ensure that the distinct identity and protection guaranteed to the Sikkimese people is not diluted.
- (d) Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department shall be the Nodal Department to liaise with the Committee and extend all secretarial assistance.
- (e) The Committee may co-opt Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat, whenever found necessary.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**V. B. Pathak, IAS
Chief Secretary
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